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Algeria*, Argentina, Egypt, France, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Paraguay, Poland, Tunisia, Uganda, United States of America: draft resolution

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly decision 48/450 of 21 December 1993,

Recalling its resolutions in which it called upon the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to expand and intensify their programmes of assistance in response to the urgent needs of Lebanon,

Reaffirming its resolution 1995/42 of 27 July 1996,

Aware of the magnitude of the requirements of Lebanon resulting from the extensive destruction of its infrastructure, which is impeding national rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts and adversely affecting economic and social conditions,

Reaffirming the pressing need to continue to assist the Government of Lebanon in the reconstruction of the country and the recovery of its human and economic potential,

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

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Expressing its appreciation of the efforts of the Secretary-General in mobilizing assistance for Lebanon,

1. Appeals to all Member States and all organizations of the United Nations system to intensify their efforts with a view to increasing financial assistance in the form of grants and soft loans given for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon. In particular, donor countries are requested to consider favourably and fully participate in the consultative group, currently being formed, on the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Lebanon;

2. Calls upon all organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to support governmental requirements for national capacity-building and institutional renewal in the areas of social reconstruction and development, environmental management, public services provision, and support for private-sector development and, for implementing priority field-based programmes in the rehabilitation and reintegration of displaced persons and the reconstruction and development of Baalbeck-Hermel and the south Lebanon region;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Council at its substantive session of 1997 of the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.